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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.:	09/328,972	Art Unit:	2877
Filed:	June 9, 1999	Examiner:	Z. Smith
Inventor:	Stephen D. Fantone, et al.		
For:	AUTOMATED OPTICAL MEASUREMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD		

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed on October 25, 2001 setting a shortened statutory period of three months to respond to the action thereby making a response due, without extension, by January 25, 2002. To extend the shortened statutory period for response, a request for a two-month extension accompanies this response thereby making the response due by March 25, 2002. In response to the Office Action mailed on October 25, 2001, please amend and reconsider this application as follows.